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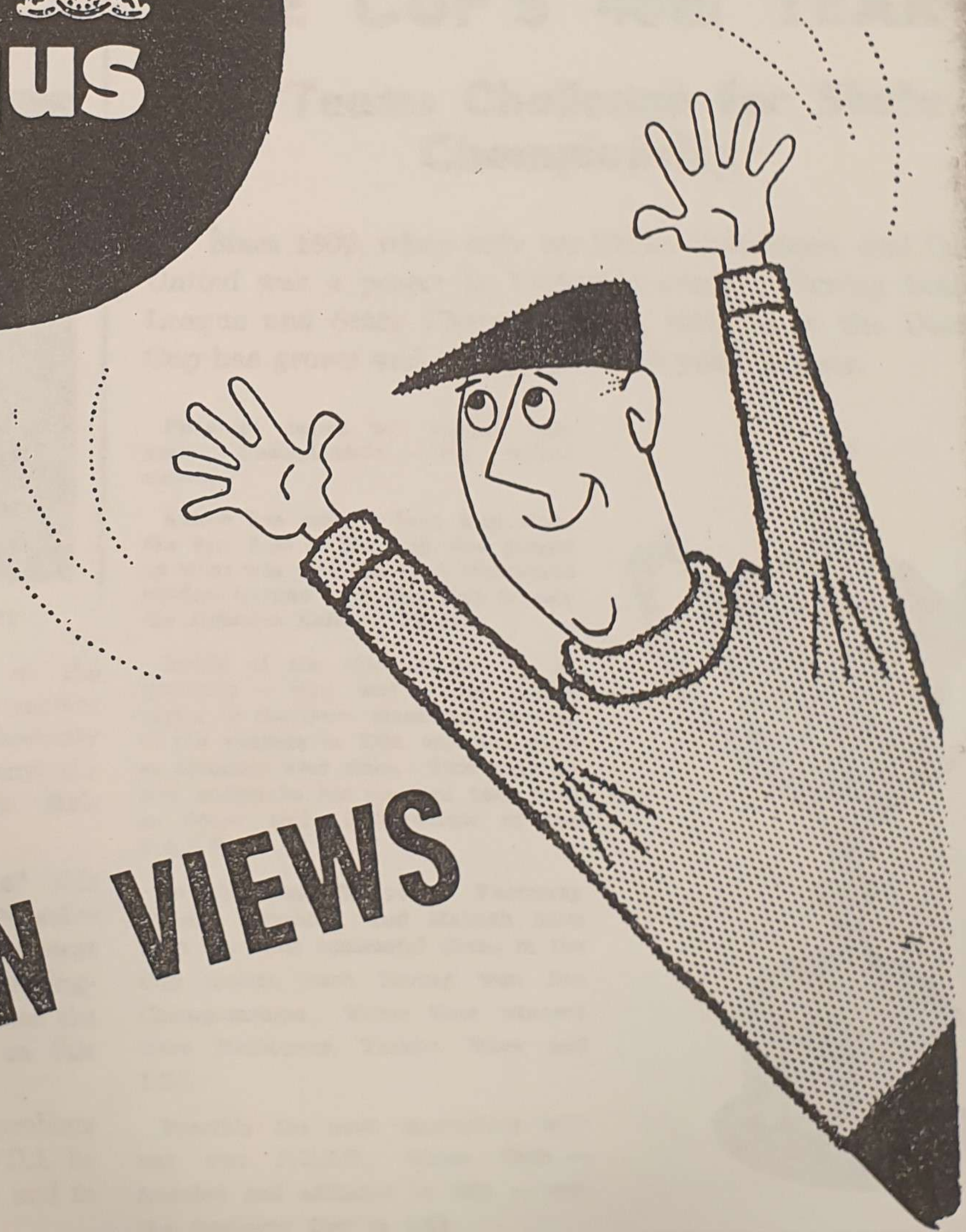

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CUP DONOR

MR. H. J. DOCKERTY.

One of the founders of the V.A.S.F.A. in 1908 and its current President, Harry J. Dockerty played soccer half-way round the world before settling in Melbourne.

Mr. Dockerty complained this week that he was unable to solve the problem of how to be present at each of to-day's 19 opening-round Cup matches, and asked the advice of "Soccer News" on this score.

"Soccer News" sees no problem here — Harry Dockerty WILL be at every match — in name and in spirit!

THE CUP'S 48th YEAR!

51 Teams Challenge for State Championship

Since 1909, when only ten Clubs challenged, and Carlton United was a power in Victorian soccer, winning both the League and State Championships, interest in the Dockerty Cup has grown and intensified from year to year.

Fifty-one teams will contest this year's Championship — the forty-eighth.

Soccer has come a long way since the first final of the Cup was played on what was then the East Melbourne Cricket Ground — a site that is now the Jolimont Railway Yards!

Donor of the Cup — Mr. H. J. Dockerty — who was a St. Kilda player at the time, presented the Cup to the winners in 1909, and has done so annually ever since. This year he will undertake his pleasant task both as donor and as President of the V.A.S.F.A.

In the past 30 years, Footscray Thistle, Brighton, and Hakoah have been the most successful Clubs in the Cup quests, each having won five Championships. Three time winners were Melbourne, Thistle, Navy and I.C.I.

Possibly the most interesting winner was J.U.S.T., which Club — founded and affiliated in 1950 — won the Dockerty Cup in 1951.

SERIOUSLY SPEAKING . . .

"A man's minor actions and arrangements ought to be free, flexible, creative; the things that should be unchangeable are his ideals, his principles."

—G. K. Chesterton.

EDITORIAL.

CREDIT WHERE CREDIT IS DUE

Two weeks ago, under the heading, "RACIAL HOOLIGANISM NOT WANTED HERE," this column published a sharp criticism against the Committee of a 1st Division Club for its laxity in permitting a group of young larrikins to enter its members' stand and shout filthy language and racial insults at visiting officials and their wives.

The purpose of that Editorial was to call to the attention of ALL Club Committees that it is their bounden duty to police their home games in a manner that will prevent small groups of undesirables, who are, unfortunately, always with us, from committing offences against the game, the players, the officials, and guests of the Club.

In particular, "Soccer News" called for unceasing vigilance against displays of racial or national intolerance.

Because of the fact that the incident occurred at the home of a Club which is normally well organised and controlled, it was felt at the time that no good purpose could be served by naming the Club concerned; but subsequent interviews with members of that Club's Executive Committee have revealed such a praiseworthy attitude on their part, not only in connection with this incident, but on the subject of provocative intolerance in general, that the Club's name can now be revealed, and credit rendered where credit is due.

Observations of Committee members of the POLONIA SOCCER CLUB on this vital subject may be found on Page 4.

V.A.S.F.A. BULLETIN

Compiled by the V.A.S.F.A. Secretary, Stuart Beaton

League Management.

It has been brought to the notice of the Association that Clubs are not complying with rules previously advised:

1. Grounds are not being marked out properly.
2. Linesmen's flags are not being supplied by all 1st Division Clubs.
3. Spectators are encroaching on the field of play.

Notice is hereby given that the Referees' Association has been asked to report on any of the above rulings if these rulings are not observed by Clubs concerned.

A serious view will be taken by the Association on any cases reported.

STUART BEATON,
V.A.S.F.A. Secretary.

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STATE SQUAD GAME TOMORROW

Team Selection After Match at Middle Park

Top-class soccer should be on view to-morrow at Middle Park, where members of the State Squad, divided into two teams of possibles and probables, will display their best in a mass endeavour to catch the selectors' eyes.

The players are aware that, after the match, the State Selectors — the Messrs. Defris, Fleming and Balish — will confer and name the Victorian team which will meet New South Wales during the Queen's Birthday week-end.

From what has been seen so far, there is no shortage of first-class defenders. The Selectors may experience the same difficulties, however, as those suffered by Clubs when the problem of a choice of forwards arises. The most capable forward line that could be selected would unfortunately be made up of players from five different Clubs, which could weigh against Victoria in the interstate matches.

However, several new-comers may earn the distinction of selection in their first season here, and, with their clever ball sense, may overcome the disadvantages of playing in the same zone with unaccustomed team-mates.

APPOINTED TO STATE TEAM

Mr. Sam Horrobin, popular Moreland official and member of the Victorian Soccer Council, has been appointed Assistant Manager of the State team.

Soccer Wins Over Trots

Showgrounds management officials gave a clear and practical indication of their satisfaction with transactions they have had with various sections of the soccer movement by deciding in favour of soccer in a conflict over a date with trotting interests.

The ground had been booked for night training of the State Squad. Without previous consultation with the ground management, trotting officials informed trainers through the press that the track would be available on that night for training.

Mr. Hitchings, Assistant Manager of the Showgrounds, immediately contacted Mr. Reg. Lawrence, Manager of the Squad, to seek his wishes in the matter.

On being informed by Mr. Lawrence that a change would prove seriously inconvenient, and that horses training on the track would be distracting to the players, Mr. Hitchings informed Mr. Lawrence that the trotting bid for that night would be rejected.

NOTABLES AT NEW DUTCH GROUND TODAY

The official opening of Wilhelmina's new ground near Tooronga will take place to-day before its Dockerty Cup match with George Cross.

The Mayor and Councillors of the City of Hawthorn, the President and other notables of the Victorian Soccer Council, and many soccer club officials are expected to be present.

The ground can be reached either from Toorak Road through Parkin Street, or from Burke Road through Sinclair Avenue or MacDonald Street.

TYPICAL SPEEDWAY DUEL

Typical of the 0-0 draw that was fought out at the Maribyrnong Speedway last Saturday was the equality of speed that brought both an attacker and a defender to the passed or loose ball simultaneously. Here Brkic, of Polonia (left), and Senisen, of J.U.S.T., duel for possession.

POLONIA TAKES STAND FOR ORDERLY SPORT

Recent Incident Deplored

Members of the Executive Committee of the Polonia Soccer Club have individually and collectively expressed their whole-hearted approval of both the principles and the criticism voiced in an Editorial in "Soccer News" under the heading, "Racial Hooliganism Not Wanted Here." (Issue of 12/5/56.)

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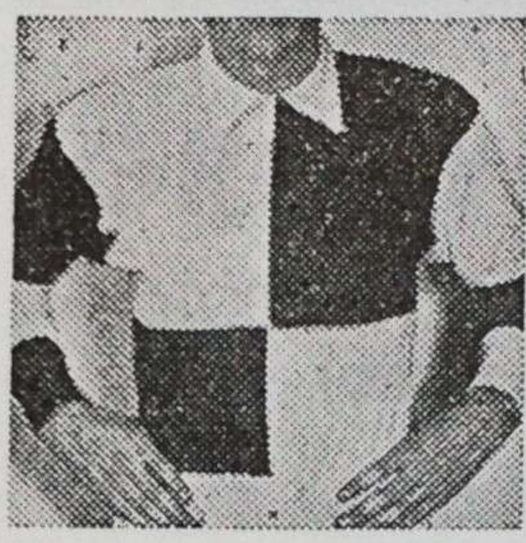

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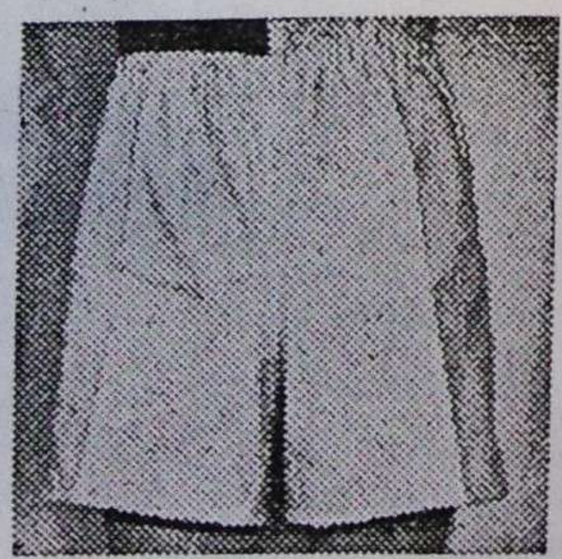

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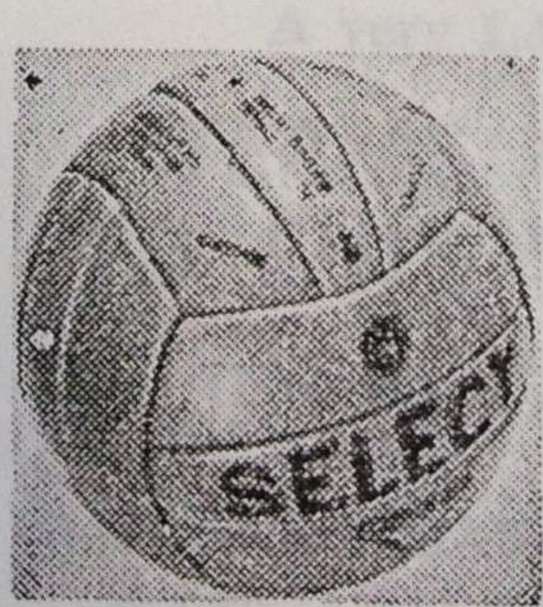

"When the full import of the incident in our stand was explained to me, I was horrified," said Dr. Charles Walker, President of Polonia. "My Club does not ask that its temporary lapse, which permitted trouble-making roughnecks to get under our guard and into the stand, be excused.

"In judging my Committee, however, I ask my guests of that afternoon, who suffered the indignities described, not to connect any part of the unspeakable behaviour with my Club itself, but to a tiny group amongst our supporters. Every Club suffers these diseased cells in its body of supporters, and, like cancerous growths, they must be exposed and removed.

"I wish particularly to remind the Hakoah officials who were present, and their wives, of the mutual respect which exists between our Clubs and our teams, to apologise to them for their distress, and to assure them of our whole-hearted co-operation in eradicating this evil."

Mr. Ted Lezon, Vice-President and Secretary of Polonia, voiced similar sentiments when queried by "Soccer News."

"There is no excuse for laxity, and we offer none," said Mr. Lezon, "but we owe our guests and the public an explanation regarding this incident. A new member of our Club, from Tasmania, manned the entry to the stand that day, and somehow these larrikins got past him.

"If the attention of the Committee had been directed to this disturbance, steps would have been taken quickly to spare the feelings of our guests.

"We understand that this matter is being taken further through the Association. We are prepared to face the music, and trust that our record of good administration will stand us in good stead.

"In the meantime, steps have been taken to prevent a repetition of such incidents."

POLAND PLAYS TO-MORROW.

A practice game, Poland v. Polonia, will be played at Royal Park at 2.45 p.m. to-morrow, Sunday, May 27.

PLAYERS ARE UNFIT SAYS TRAINER

Lack of Solid Training Apparent

With comparatively few exceptions, most of our soccer players are deplorably unfit, said Mr. Bill Lyons in an interview with "Soccer News" this week.

As Trainer and Physio-Therapist with the State Squad, he expressed amazement at the lack of stamina shown by members of the Squad when put through a solid session of physical training.

"Most of the muscle, tendon, and ligament injuries that put players on the sidelines each week," he said, "would not occur if the players concerned had been thoroughly conditioned beforehand."

A full course of conditioning, Bill explained, is primarily aimed at physical fitness.

"But," he added, "there is a second and equally important target in this conditioning grind — to bring players to the degree of fitness where their reflex responses and their mental-physical co-ordination not only combine to improve their playing ability, but will react to dangerous situations with the necessary speed to protect them from injuries."

Bill feels that every Club should have a qualified physical training instructor in addition to the Coach, unless the latter is as well versed in P.T. routine as he is in the instruction of playing tactics.

"Otherwise," says Bill, "the players are simply unable to put into practice with any degree of excellence the playing tactics which their Coach is trying to drill into them. Take Len Young, for instance. Len is a top-flight Coach, but it would take him three times as long to produce a good team from unfit players as it would from a squad of fit players."

Next to handling well-conditioned players, Bill likes to work with men who are keen and enthusiastic in their training. Asked whether he has players in these categories on the State Squad, Bill didn't hesitate to name a few.

"We have several who can go through the 90 minutes of a hard game without acting like broken-winded horses," he said. "There's Syd Thomas, of Hakoah, for instance; Teddy Smith, of Moreland; Bob Wemyss, of Polonia; and Dal Manning, of South Melbourne, to name some of the very few. We have a lot of eager-beavers, too — Joe Cubero, of J.U.S.T.; and Danny Catania, of Hakoah, to mention just a couple.

"These are the types of players — the fit ones and those working eagerly toward fitness — who will do themselves, their Coaches, and their Clubs full justice throughout the full 90 minutes of any game," concluded Bill.

Tomorrow's Curtain-Raiser

Curtain-raiser to the State Squad match to-morrow will be between the boys who put on such a crowd-pleaser last Sunday — South Melbourne Under 13's and South Yarra's schoolboy team.

This was arranged at the special request of the Chairman of Selectors, Mr. Kurt Defris, who saw last Sunday's game.

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The draw for the Laidlaw "World" Cup took place last Monday night, covering the first three stages — a preliminary match to reduce the number of teams to 16, the entire first round, and the first two matches. The draw was as follows:

PRELIMINARY MATCH.
(Time and place in next week's "Soccer News")
Poland v. Latvia

FIRST TWO MATCHES.
(Probably June 10, Toorak Park)
Prelim. Match Winner v. Ukraine
Czecho-slovakia v. Germany

BALANCE OF 1st ROUND
Italy v. Israel.
Holland v. Scotland.
Greece v. Croatia.
Austria v. Jugoslavia.
Malta v. Australia.
Ireland v. England.

POLAND SEEKS PLAYERS

Players of Polish birth are invited to join the team which will represent Poland in the Laidlaw Cup series.

Enquiries may be made by 'Phone to Mr. T. Lezon, at MU 7531, Extension 2.

TRAINING TOMORROW

ISRAEL.

Israeli players will meet to-morrow morning for practice at Princes Park at 10 a.m.

AUSTRIA.

Austrian players will meet to-morrow afternoon for a trial game at the rear of the Preston Technical School at 2 p.m.

AUSTRALIA.

Players listed hereunder are requested to report to Middle Park to-morrow at 10.30 a.m. If they bring their lunch, tea will be provided so that they may stay on for the State Squad game:

J. Wilson, A. Scott, B. Thomas, R. McKenzie, and A. Waitzer, of Brighton; P. Jordon and G. Bailey, of Sandringham; A. Drennan, B. Roberts and J. McIver, of Hakoah; T. Smith and R. Stewart, of Moreland; I. Petherick, of the Colts; and James, Denny, McLeod, Cottrill, Mannering and Hathaway, of South Melbourne.

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COPY-BOOK SOCCER BY COACHES

Defeat L.V.A. 5-2 at Yallourn

Giving the large and enthusiastic crowd an object-lesson in ball-control and tactical play, Len Young's Coaches defeated a combined Latrobe Valley team 5-2 at Yallourn last Sunday.

"Len Young's team proved once again that it takes more than brawn to be a good soccer player," said Mr. Frank McIver, Honorary Secretary of the Latrobe Valley Association. "Their precision passing and positional play was the main feature of the game and, believe me, it was thoroughly appreciated by the spectators.

"Considering the class our boys were up against, their effort in scoring over two goals was very pleasing."

Len Young was equally pleased with his side.

"My fellows played as though they had been playing together for years," he said after the game. "I think Jim Stewart, who acted as Manager for our side, is confident enough to challenge any team now — Club, State or International."

Dave McIntosh and Angus Drennan were unable to make the trip and Brian Thomas and "Joe" Kosta took their places. Arthur Macartney substituted for Jackie Wilson after 15 minutes of play, too, when Jackie began to feel the effects of an injury suffered in the Sturts-Brighton game last Saturday.

Before he went off, however, Jackie had netted twice for the Coaches, and the half-time score was taken to 3-0 when Harry Sutherland scored from a penalty.

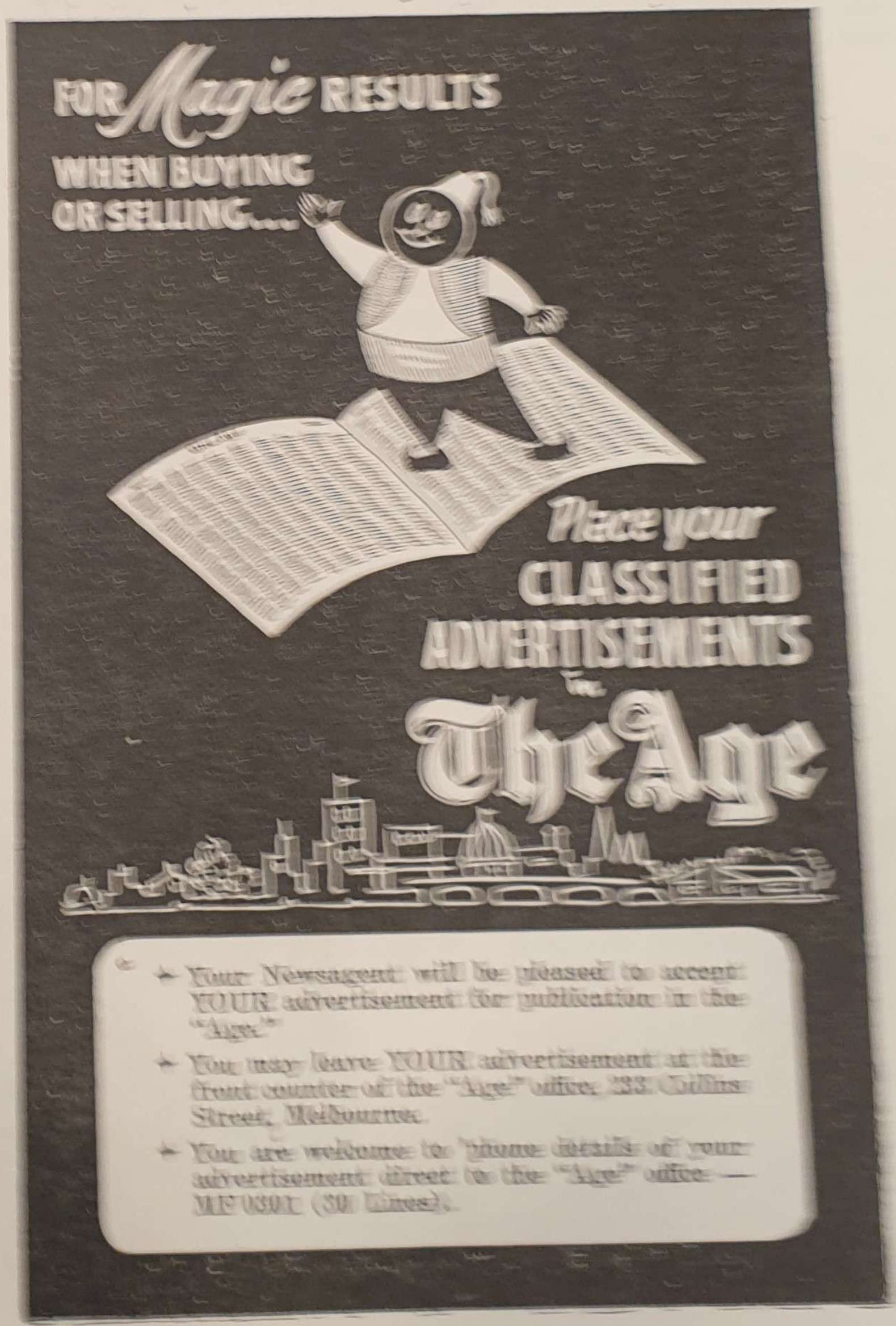
L.V.A. played much better in the second half, and mainly due to the efforts of McCluskey at centre forward, who netted his team-mates and scored twice, the Gippslanders put up a creditable showing. In the meantime, however, Syd Thomas had netted two of his typical forays to bring the final tally to 5-2.

The L.V.A.'s Messrs. Ellis and McIver entertained the visitors after the game, and both officially and as individuals thanked the Coaches for making the trip, regretting that the occasion be repeated in the near future.

Prahran Social Tonight

All members, players, supporters, and friends of the Prahran Soccer Club are expected to roll up to-night for the Club's mid-season social at the Como Park Pavilion.

And if it isn't voted the happiest whing-ding of the season, it won't be the Committee's fault!



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Stuart Beaton, Jim Paul and Tony Charlton

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John Oliphant, Jack Olsen and Glen Millins.

Most soccer fans will celebrate Victoria's win over New South Wales next Saturday by going along to the Buffalo Hall in Victoria St., Coburg, any time after 7.30 p.m. That's the venue for Coburg's Club Dance, where players and supporters will "train" for the Club's trip to Flinders Naval Depot next day, Sunday, June 3.

✦ ✦

That 6ft. 4½in. giant that Moreland found between the sticks at Box Hill last week, and who held them to a duck, is Bill Stow, late of the Salisbury League, England. Bill knows his business, too.

✦ ✦

That car mishap that Cliff Walker, of Brighton, had while on his recent business trip to Newcastle, N.S.W., has turned out to be more serious than was at first thought. X-rays have revealed two small fractures of Cliff's skull, which is very bad news indeed.

FLY KICKS

✦ ✦

Preston are very fortunate in having a Coach who can take the field in an emergency and do the right thing by the team. When one player missed the bus to the game recently, Frank Wimmer took the field and scored two of Preston's four goals.

✦ ✦

Juventus never seems to run short of good replacements. That stranger at left half last Saturday at Como Park was a boy called Guiseppe Valentino — so, of course, everybody calls him Rudolph. We think Guiseppe will be seen more often with the Juventus Seniors, too.

✦ ✦

Last-minute headline news is that Bill Blackley will strip for Hakoah right after the mid-season recess!

✦ ✦

Geelong's centre half, Dutchman Stoop, is off home to Holland for a visit, and even though the Italian team has plenty of class players, they'll be fretting for a while about his absence.

✦ ✦

Moorabbin City are thirsting for a win, and will take advantage of the Queen's Birthday week-end break to visit Colac, where they hope to be able to do what they

STRAHAN BOLTS THROUGH

Bob Strahan, of Polonia, gallops between Zakomarok (left) and Muscat, J.U.S.T. defenders, in a typical breakaway effort last Saturday, but the remaining defence, Senisen and Platchko, held firmly.

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Candid Comment
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"I have learned a great many things from my squad. How much patience I haven't got, for instance."

can't seem to be able to do in town — thrash the locals.

✦ ✦

SJEL DE BRUYCHERE, WILHELMINA'S NEW PLAYING COACH, WHO HAS JUST ARRIVED FROM HOLLAND, WHERE HE PLAYED INTERNATIONAL FOOTBALL ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS, MAY NOT ONLY LIFT THE WINDMILLS' GAME TO NEW HEIGHTS, BUT MAY ALSO SOLVE A PROBLEM FOR OUR STATE SELECTORS.

SJEL PLAYED WITH TOP TEAM, "WILLEM TWO," WHICH CLUB WON THE PREMIERSHIP OF HOLLAND FOR SIX CONSECUTIVE YEARS!

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Jan Hemmerling, South Melbourne's Coach, has shifted that Club's senior defence to the Reserves, with the result that the Seniors remaining keep right on their toes, and the Reserves are doing very well indeed.

✦ ✦

Terry Piggott, Frankston's right back, was missing from his accustomed place last Saturday at Coburg. Terry was selected to accompany the Melbourne University team to Adelaide for the inter-Varsity Soccer Carnival. Terry, by the way, is from Birmingham.

✦ ✦

All of Coburg's three goals last week were scored from penalties. They failed to convert a fourth one.

✦ ✦

Sandringham broke the ice for its first win last Saturday at the expense of Williamstown. The Hammers' spearhead, Paul Jordan, copped the lot, netting all of the winner's five goals.

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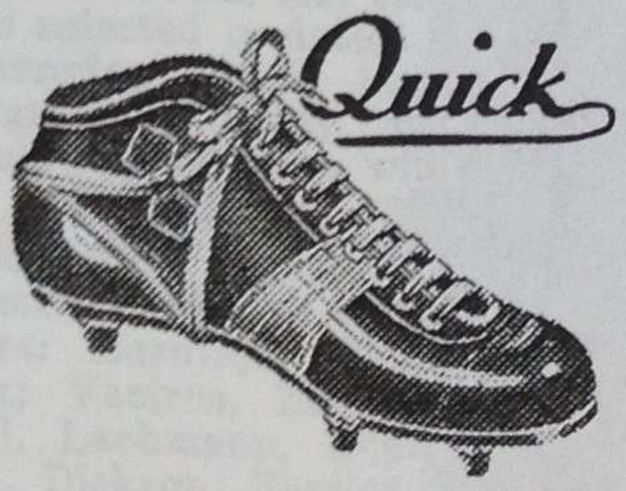

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Olympic Park Occupancy

As a result of the disruption caused by allowing athletes and the public to use Olympic Park during the track season, the contractors have objected to further use of the Park until their work is completed.

The date of completion and soccer's re-occupancy of the Park are now very indefinite.

JUVENTUS LEADS AT MID-SEASON RECESS

Polonia Disappoints

Only a cricket-score win by Hakoah or Slavia to-day could rob Juventus of its mid-season position at the head of the ladder — a position to which it is fully entitled through sheer all-round superiority.

Arch-rival, Polonia, after looking like a distinct threat to the leaders, let its winning run fizzle out to a series of three draws. This cost Polonia vital points, leaving Hakoah and Slavia in the box-seat position behind Juventus.

Brighton is doing reasonably well, but J.U.S.T. and Moreland continue to disappoint their supporters.

Box Hill continues to improve, leaving Footscray City and Prahran in serious danger of relegation.

HAKOAH TO WIN TODAY

Hakoah, with a settled and consistent side, is selected to defeat a constantly changing Slavia team at the Showgrounds to-day, and thus share points leadership with Juventus.

Slavia's selection panel includes the names of several transferred players: Barotajs; Rakic, Terek, Kodak; Vacirca, Zablocki, Kotatko; Bell, Lachmann, Engelbogen, Bialek, Dickson, Ressler.

Hakoah will select from: Doenges; Harburn, McIntosh; Sime, Jack, Vesovic, Drennan; Thomas, Catania, Gottesman, Pynt, Sutherland, Piercy.

SYDNEY VISIT BY HAKOAH

Hakoah is planning a post-season visit to Sydney, where it will play two matches — one against Hakoah, of Sydney, and the other against the Dutch Club, Sydney Austral.

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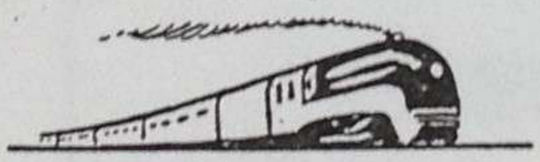

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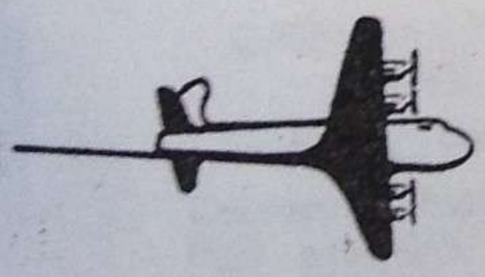

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ZABLOCKI, LACHMANN EQUAL THIRDS

Minor Moves in Argus Medal

Joe Lachmann took major points and Bob Zablocki a single to move into equal third place in the voting for the "Argus" Best and Fairest Medal.

Players with three votes or more are listed below:

Wemyss (Polonia)	17
Dobrilovic (Prahran)	17
Cubero (J.U.S.T.)	11
Garland (Box Hill)	11
Zablocki (Slavia)	9
Lachmann (Slavia)	9
Garrett (Brighton)	7
Vivoli (Juventus)	7
Piercy (Hakoah)	6
Pangrazio (Juventus)	5
Morrow (Box Hill)	5
Harburn (Hakoah)	5
Trentini (Juventus)	5
Senisen (J.U.S.T.)	5
Stott (Moreland)	5
Strahan (Polonia)	5
Jakobowski (Polonia)	5
Loughran (Moreland)	4
Waitzer (Brighton)	4
Carroll (Hakoah)	3
Sabbidini (J.U.S.T.)	3
Lopo (Juventus)	3
Malenovic (Polonia)	3
Lawrie (Polonia)	3
Scott (Brighton)	3
McKenzie (Brighton)	3
Scarfe (Box Hill)	3
Holden (Box Hill)	3
Goodman (Moreland)	3
Scalamera (Polonia)	3
Ressler (Slavia)	3
Morgan (Prahran)	3
Hobson (Moreland)	3
Terek (Slavia)	3
Sacco (Juventus)	3
Finlay (Moreland)	3

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Moorabbin City v. Lions.
J.U.S.T. v. Heidelberg.
South Melbourne v. Williamstown.
University v. Moreland.
Prahran v. Dandenong Rovers.
Polonia v. South Yarra.
Park Rangers v. Wilhelmina.

BYES.

Slavia.
Sunshine City.

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Sandringham City v. F.N.D.
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Lions v. G.M.H.
Geelong v. South Yarra.
Preston v. Maccabi.
Frankston v. Brunswick.
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Pascoe Vale v. Coburg.
South Melbourne v. Hellenic.
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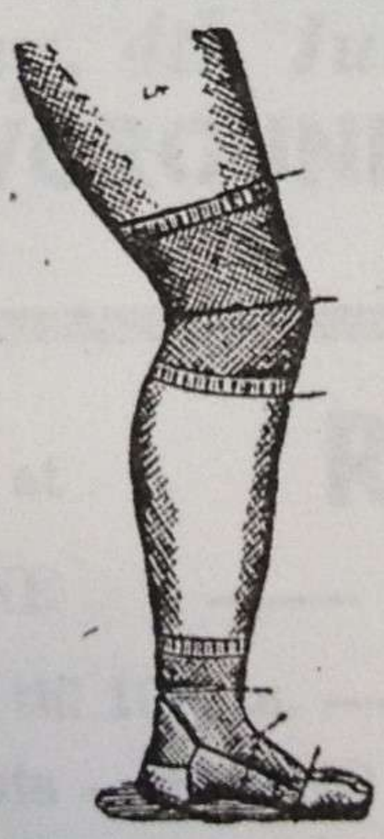

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WINDMILLS STILL UNDEFEATED

Close Call With Geelong

By holding its most dangerous rival, Geelong, to a draw last Saturday, Wilhelmina maintained its undefeated record and 2nd Division leadership at the season's half-way mark.

Dutch international, Sjel de Bruckeyre, made his debut in Victorian football as a forward with the Windmills, and made an extremely favourable impression.

Hellenic defeated Yallourn by the odd goal last week, and joined Geelong as a threat to Wilhelmina. However, final supremacy between these three will be settled after the Dutchmen meet the Greeks on June 9, and Hellenic meet the Italians on July 14. The Windmills are favoured to retain their leadership.

Sunshine City missed two penalties at South Melbourne last week, and had to be content with a draw, thus losing a vital point in its gradual climb toward the leaders.

Park Rangers and South Yarra won their games, to leave Vic. Colts second last and George Cross at the bottom of the table.

Rangers Down Newborough United

A large crowd at Morwell saw last week's League leaders, Newborough United, tossed 2-1 by the Morwell Rangers, thus allowing undefeated Morwell Soccer Club to regain the lead when it downed Eastern Rovers by the odd goal in three after a hard struggle.

In the Moe United-Tigers game, four of the six goals came from penalties.

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS.

Morwell S.C. d. Eastern R., 2-1.
Morwell R. d. Newborough U., 2-1.
Moe United d. Tigers, 4-2.
Sale United d. Yallourn "A", 3-0.

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PRESTON'S DEFENCE UNBEATABLE

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By conceding only four goals in its nine games to date, Preston has even bettered the splendid record established by Wilhelmina when it contested the 3rd Division last year.

Despite its unbeaten record, and its miraculous goal percentage, Preston cannot shake off Coburg, which, like Preston, is undefeated with seven wins and two draws. Supremacy between these two may have to wait until September 15, when they meet on the second-last day of the League season.

Sandringham City scored its first win of the season at the expense of Williamstown last week, but is still not in a happy position.

Both Sunshine United and Brunswick are slowly but persistently gaining ground on the leaders, and both Richmond and Dandenong must look sharp if they wish to retain their reputations as dark horses of the 3rd Division.

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JUNIOR STATE TRIALS COMMENCE

Under 17's Tomorrow at Middle Park

Representative trials for Under 17 players will be held at Middle Park to-morrow, Sunday, May 27, at 2 p.m. sharp. The trials will take place on South Melbourne United's ground near the night-golf pavilion.

The following players are requested to be present: Azzorpardi and Lamb (Preston); Hope, Reid, Short, and Noblett (Sunshine City); Moss, Aldridge, Nord, and Needham (Box Hill); Slowly, Clauscen, and Davis (St. Kilda); Hill, Adams, and Beattie (Moorabbin City); and Benjamin (Brighton).

The next meeting of the Junior Association will be held at the Y.M.C.A. on Wednesday, May 30, at 8 p.m.

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State trials for the Under 15 section will be held on Sunday, June 10. Clubs will be notified as to where and when to send their candidates at next Wednesday night's meeting.

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Some of the younger teams, particularly the Under 13's, are having trouble in fielding teams on wet days. If a team cannot field at least seven players, the game shall not be played. In the event of one team fielding its quota, and the other side failing to do so, the team with the correct number of players shall claim a walk-over.

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At this stage of the season, we find three teams still undefeated in the Under 19 section, but with Juventus the clear leaders. Their position will be tested, however, when they meet Brighton, which is in a challenging position in second place. In the Under 17's, Sunshine City and Prahran appear to be on a par, but the dark horse of this section is Polonia, which has beaten Prahran. Box Hill and Fairfield are separated by goal average only in the Under 15's, with Brighton and Dandenong, Box Hill's only conqueror, close behind. Heidelberg appears to be too strong for its opponents in the Under 13 Division.

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The "Herald" advises that, when 'phoning results, quick service may be obtained by asking for Extension 430.

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It is regrettably advised that Army Apprentices have withdrawn from the Under 19 Division. It is hoped that Wesley College may field a team in this League, replacing the Apprentices. However, until a replacement is notified, teams drawn to play the Apprentices will treat the fixture as a walk-over.

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Heidelberg's Under 13's are doing wonderfully well to remain undefeated in their section. This is their second season only, and they are responding well to the coaching of Mr. Bert Anderson. Their Club is mighty proud of the little fellers.

Junior Ladders

Under 19.

Team.	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Juventus	6	6	—	—	18	3	12
Brighton	6	4	2	—	24	6	10
Sunshine U.	6	3	3	—	25	10	9
St. Kilda	6	3	2	1	12	3	8
St. Albans ..	6	3	2	1	21	6	8
Essendon	6	2	3	1	10	10	7
Box Hill	6	3	1	2	8	10	7
Footscray ..	6	3	—	3	15	12	6
Wilhelmina ..	6	1	—	5	16	18	2
Hellenic	6	1	—	5	16	19	2
I.C.I.	6	—	—	6	2	41	—

Under 17.

Team.	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Sunshine C.	6	5	1	—	29	2	11
Prahran	6	5	—	1	26	12	10
Polonia	6	4	—	2	9	8	8
Box Hill	6	4	—	2	17	13	8
Brighton	6	3	1	2	14	15	7
Lions	6	2	3	1	7	9	7
Army App. ..	6	1	1	4	7	36	3
St. Kilda	6	1	—	5	12	16	2
Preston	6	1	—	5	6	12	2
Moorabbin ..	6	—	2	4	5	29	2

Under 15.

Team.	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Box Hill	6	5	—	1	22	2	10
Fairfield	6	5	—	1	18	5	10
Brighton	6	4	1	1	17	8	9
Dandenong ..	5	4	—	1	21	6	8
Essendon	4	3	1	—	10	2	7
Pascoe Vale	5	2	1	2	12	10	5
St. Kilda	6	2	1	3	9	6	5
Sunshine U.	5	2	1	2	4	3	5
Sth. Yarra ..	6	1	1	4	8	10	3
Wesley C. ..	6	1	1	4	4	8	3
Polonia	4	1	1	2	2	10	3
Preston	5	1	—	4	6	19	2
Moorabbin ..	6	—	—	6	2	37	—

Last Week's Results

1st DIVISION.
- Box Hill d. Moreland, 1-0.
- Juventus d. Prahran, 8-0.
- Slavia d. Brighton, 5-3.
- Hakoah d. Footscray City, 6-1.
- Polonia drew J.U.S.T., 0-0.

2nd DIVISION.
- Hellenic d. Yallourn, 3-2.
- Park Rangers d. Vic. Colts, 4-0.
- South Yarra d. George Cross, 4-3.
- South Melb. drew Sunshine C., 1-1.
- Geelong drew Wilhelmina, 4-4.

3rd DIVISION.
- Dandenong d. Moorabbin, 4-1.
- Sandringham d. Williamstown, 5-1.
- Preston d. Richmond, 2-0.
- Sunshine U. d. Maccabi, 6-2.
- Coburg d. Frankston, 3-2.
- Brunswick d. F.N.D., 6-1.

METROPOLITAN NORTH.
- Hayduk d. Fairfield, 6-1.
- Heidelberg d. Bayswater, 2-1.
- Lions drew St. Albans, 2-2.
- I.C.I. drew University, 2-2.

METROPOLITAN SOUTH.
- Yarra Park d. Pascoe Vale, 8-3.
- Vic. Police d. Port Melbourne, 1-0.
- Rosebud d. Goodchild, 1-0.
- Croatia d. G.M.H., 5-3.

1st DIVISION RESERVES.
- Hakoah d. Slavia, 2-1.
- Polonia d. J.U.S.T., 3-2.
- Juventus d. Sunshine City, 2-0.
- Footscray City d. Moreland, 6-2.
- Brighton d. Box Hill, 4-2.

2nd DIVISION RESERVES.
- Hellenic d. Yallourn, 5-0.
- Wilhelmina d. Geelong, 4-1.
- Preston d. George Cross, 4-1.
- South Melbourne d. Park R., 4-0.
- South Yarra drew Prahran, 1-1.

3rd DIVISION RESERVES.
- Williamstown d. University, 6-1.
- Sunshine United d. Heidelberg, 7-0.
- Sandringham d. Dandenong, 4-3.
- Wilhelmina d. Maccabi, 2-0.
- Coburg drew Moorabbin, 3-3.
- Lions drew I.C.I., 2-2.

HOW THEY STAND

1st DIVISION.

Team.	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Juventus	9	7	1	1	36	11	15
Hakoah	8	6	1	1	29	12	13
Slavia	8	6	1	1	23	14	13
Polonia	9	4	3	2	30	10	11
Brighton	9	4	2	3	20	24	10
J.U.S.T.	9	3	3	3	22	18	9
Moreland	9	3	—	6	14	19	6
Box Hill	9	2	2	5	13	28	6
Prahran	9	1	1	7	15	35	3
Footscray City	9	1	—	8	14	45	2

Hakoah v. Slavia postponed — ground unplayable.

2nd DIVISION.

Team.	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Wilhelmina	9	7	2	—	39	14	16
Geelong	9	6	2	1	37	17	14
Hellenic	9	7	—	2	29	20	14
Yallourn	9	5	1	3	26	17	11
Sunshine C.	9	4	2	3	23	12	10
Sth. Melb.	9	3	3	3	29	25	9
S. Yarra	9	2	1	6	19	35	5
Park R.	9	2	1	6	13	30	5
Vic. Colts	9	1	1	7	9	28	3
Geo. Cross	9	1	1	7	13	39	3

3rd DIVISION.

Team.	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Preston	9	7	2	—	35	4	16
Coburg	9	7	2	—	32	11	16
Richmond	9	6	—	3	35	12	12
Dandenong	9	4	4	1	27	15	12
Sunshine U.	9	5	1	3	26	32	11
Brunswick	9	3	3	3	21	19	9
Maccabi	9	3	2	4	21	27	8
F.N.D.	9	2	3	4	20	32	7
Frankston	9	2	2	5	16	21	6
S'ringham C.	9	1	3	5	13	21	5
M'abbin C.	9	2	1	6	10	39	5
W'town	9	—	1	8	10	33	1

METROPOLITAN NORTH.

Team.	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Hayduk	9	7	1	1	24	8	15
Lions	9	6	2	1	42	14	14
St. Albans	9	4	2	3	19	14	10
Fairfield	9	4	1	4	21	30	9
I.C.I.	9	4	1	4	20	30	9
Bayswater	9	3	1	5	23	24	7
University	9	1	2	6	13	26	4
Heidelberg	9	2	—	7	16	23	4

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METROPOLITAN SOUTH.

Team.	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Yarra Park	9	9	—	—	48	10	18
Rosebud	9	7	1	1	25	9	15
Croatia	9	6	1	2	24	10	13
Vic. Police	9	5	1	3	23	20	11
Port Melb.	9	4	—	5	39	15	8
Pascoe Vale	9	2	1	6	11	29	5
G.M.H.	9	1	—	8	7	60	2
Goodchild	5	—	—	5	1	25	—

INVITATION 1st DIVISION.

Team.	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Juventus	9	9	—	—	40	7	18
Hakoah	8	7	—	1	26	10	14
Slavia	9	6	—	3	22	10	12
Polonia	8	4	1	3	17	13	9
F'scray C.	8	4	—	4	18	18	8
Brighton	9	4	—	5	13	16	8
Box Hill	9	3	—	6	14	23	6
Moreland	9	2	2	5	14	34	6
J.U.S.T.	7	1	1	5	8	21	3
Sunshine C.	8	—	—	8	4	22	—

INVITATION 2nd DIVISION

Team.	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Hellenic	9	7	—	2	19	15	14
Wilhelmina	9	6	2	1	36	18	14
Geelong	9	7	—	2	19	15	14
Sth. Melb.	9	6	—	3	24	15	12
Yallourn	9	4	2	3	25	17	10
Preston	9	4	1	4	22	19	9
Prahran	9	1	1	7	19	29	3
S. Yarra	9	1	1	7	19	29	3
Park R.	9	1	—	8	6	48	2
George Cross	9	—	1	8	4	7	1

INVITATION 3rd DIVISION.

Team.	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Coburg	9	8	—	1	32	13	16
Sunshine U.	9	6	1	2	31	13	13
S'ringham C.	9	6	1	2	22	18	13
Wilhelmina	9	5	—	4	21	16	10
Lions	8	4	1	3	24	18	9
Moorabbin C.	9	3	3	3	15	18	9
University	9	4	1	4	17	24	9
Dandenong	8	3	2	3	16	13	8
I.C.I.	9	3	2	4	16	27	8
Maccabi	6	2	—	4	11	15	4
W'town	9	2	—	7	11	19	4
Heidelberg	9	—	2	7	12	32	2

LATROBE VALLEY ASSOCIATION.

Team.	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Morwell	7	5	2	—	29	9	12
N'borough U.	7	5	—	2	24	7	10
Moe United	7	4	1	2	22	15	9
Morwell R.	7	3	1	3	18	15	7
Tigers	7	2	2	3	18	19	6
Eastern R.	7	2	2	3	12	20	6
Sale United	7	2	1	4	14	29	5
Yallourn A.	7	—	1	5	3	26	1

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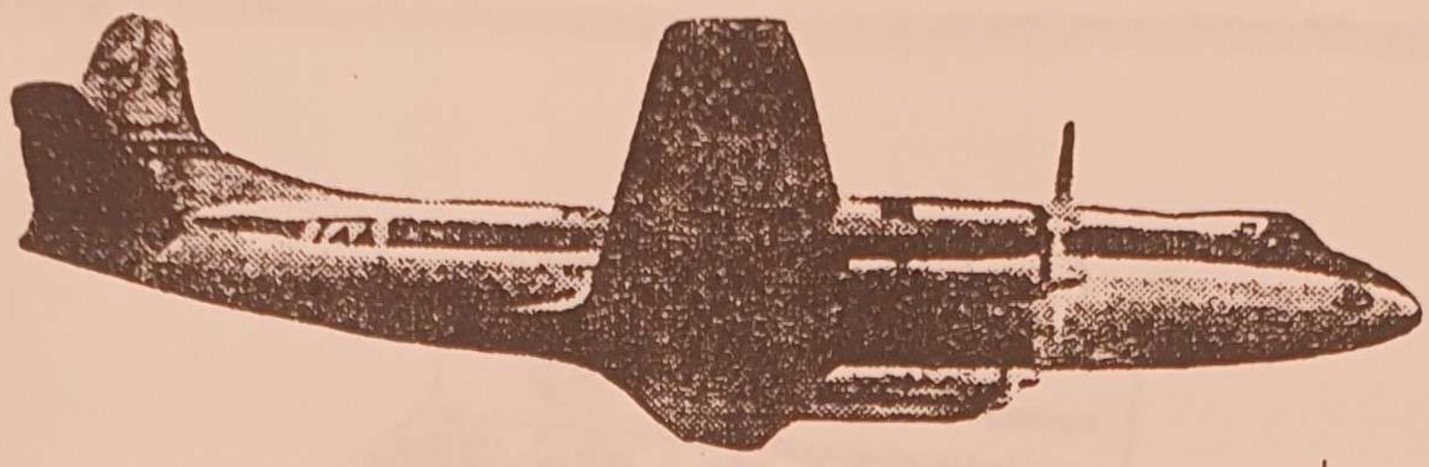

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